

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Alain BETHUNE

Application No.: 09/330,134

Filed: June 11, 1999

For: A METHOD AN APPARATUS FOR APPLYING A COATING SUCH AS A PAINT
OR VARNISH



Group Art Unit: 1762

Examiner: K. Crockford

Docket No.: 103602

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Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant hereby requests continued examination and entry and consideration of the attached Preliminary Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. 128312 in the amount of ☒ \$740.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
☐ Small entity status of this application has been established.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed November 2, 2001, the personal interview held on February 27, 2002 and the Request for Continued Examination filed on April 2, 2002, the period for reply effectively extended by a Two-Month Petition for Extension of Time to April 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 19, 29, 43 and 44 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 1, 10, 12, 32, 34 and 40-42 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of applying a coating on a hollow article comprising a bottom and a side wall, the bottom having an inner surface, the method comprising:
- depositing a predetermined quantity of coating on said inner surface of said bottom, without said coating contacting said side wall; and
- spreading the coating by causing the article to revolve.